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20 million burglary at French villa

ANNES, France, July 25 (AP)—Burglars stole jewellery and cash worth about \$20 million Thursday night from the villa of a son of the former ruler of Qatar, police sources said Friday. The owner was identified as Mr. Abdul Aziz Ahmad Thani, of the ruling house of the oil-rich Gulf state. The police said the robbery occurred while everyone in the villa was asleep. They said Mr. Thani reported the robbery Friday morning. In Paris, police sources said jewels and money worth about \$87,500 were stolen from the apartment of a brother of the present Amir of Qatar. The exact identity of the victim was immediately made known.

9 skiers cross Greenland in 35 days

COPENHAGEN, July 25 (R)—Nine Americans have completed a ski-crossing of Greenland's ice from east to west, a journey of nearly 600 kilometres in a record time of 35 days, the Danish national news agency Ritzau said today. The four men and five women, all in their 20s, set out on June 20. According to Mr. Paul Erickson of Moorhead, Minnesota, the leader of the expedition, the purpose of the journey was to investigate the mental and physical effects on humans of prolonged stays in arctic conditions. The first ski-crossing of the area was in 1888, by Norwegian polar explorer Fridtjof Nansen, who took 43 days.

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U.N. draft on Palestine softened; Qasem attacks Israeli aggression

UNITED NATIONS, July 25, (Agencies) — Backers of the Palestinian claim to statehood today dropped their call for U.N. machinery to oversee Israel's

withdrawal from occupied Arab lands, and modified a proposal for a Nov. 15 start on a pullout.

new version of their working draft, a customary preliminary to a resolution, was circulated after the European Economic Community members' notice they could not support demands by the group for a resolution.

General Assembly, in the day today of its emergency session on the Palestinian question, expected to vote on Tuesday then adjourn.

United States, in a presidential election year, is considered certain to oppose any resolution offensive to Israel.

position of the Western powers, therefore, was seen as crucial, following recently announced support for Palestinian participation in the making process.

to contribute to the search for an overall just and lasting solution. The Arab countries and the peace-loving nations of the world stand by the rights of the Palestinian people, support their endeavours for determining their future and setting up their own national entity and endorse their right to repatriation to their homeland, Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem said today.

Addressing the special session, Mr. Qasem said there can be no just and durable peace in the Middle East without a total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and allowing the Palestinians to exercise their right to self-determination under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), in its capacity as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Mr. Qasem called on the United States, which he said extends unconditional and unlimited support to Israel at the expense of Arab rights, to reconsider its stand and adopt an impartial attitude. "We see that Israel is pursuing a policy of further expansionism coupled by acts of aggression against Lebanon and murdering its people and causing innocent inhabitants to abandon their land and take refuge in the north," Mr. Qasem said. "Israel's continuous acts of aggression under the pretext of providing security for its people prompt the Arab nation to seek security for itself against that

aggression," the minister added. "Jordan along with the Arab League called today for a ban on the export of strategic raw materials to the United States in a bid to end American support for Israel."

Addressing the Assembly, Mr. Ali Shams Ardekani, the Iranian

delegate, said political pressure against Israel's backers was not enough. "Those who help Israel economically and militarily would not have done so if they knew they would face retaliation," he said, referring to the Zionist state as a "parasitic entity."

2d inmate dies in Israeli lockup 9 women in hunger strike to support sons in prison

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 25 (R)—Nine Arab women went on hunger strike today in sympathy with a hunger strike staged by their sons in Israel's top-security Nafha prison, Arab sources said.

Two prisoners at the jail in the Naqab desert died from pneumonia this week after being force-fed. Nearly 50 Palestinians, all long-term security prisoners, are still on hunger strike to back demands for improved conditions.

Thirty other prisoners have been transferred to Ramla jail and have broken their hunger strike.

The mothers began their protest in the East Jerusalem Red Cross office and told reporters they would fast until their sons' demands were met.

Israeli security forces were on high alert in East Jerusalem following demonstrations there yesterday and on Wednesday. Interior Minister Yosef Burg ordered a commission to investigate the two deaths today.

The commission, which includes the controller of the prisons authority and a senior health ministry physician, is to present its findings to Dr. Burg within two weeks.

It will also investigate regulations and practices concerning hunger strikes in Israeli prisons, Dr. Burg said.

Demonstrations followed the death Wednesday of Nafha prisoner Ali Mohammad Ja'afari, 30. His death was followed the next day by that of Mr. Rasim Mohammad Halaweh, 28, of Jabalya in the occupied Gaza Strip.

Mr. Halaweh was serving a life sentence imposed in 1971 for allegedly throwing a hand grenade at an Israeli patrol.

Medical reports said both men died after food entered their lungs during force-feeding.

An Israeli official said today the deaths were accidental but a lawyer acting for the prisoners alleged they had been beaten and force-fed with salty water.

In Beirut a Palestinian leader called on international organisations to "save the lives" of Palestinians in Israeli jails whom he said were threatened by a new

Israeli policy based on the use of the toughest kinds of repression. As news of the latest death spread Arab students tried to demonstrate in the Christian Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

They were chased from the Greek Orthodox chapel and were refused permission at the Catholic chapel of St. Catherine's to have a Mass said for the dead Palestinians. One Catholic priest attacked a demonstrator and pulled his hair.

Miss Muna Mustafa, a student, told reporters they wanted to hold their demonstration inside the church for fear of being arrested on the street.

Later about 100 students joined by a dozen Israelis from left-wing groups staged a sit-in at the Red



Marwan Al Qasem

Cross headquarters, near Damascus Gate in East Jerusalem.

Prisoners at the jail in the Naqab desert complained about overcrowded cells without beds and a shortage of exercise.

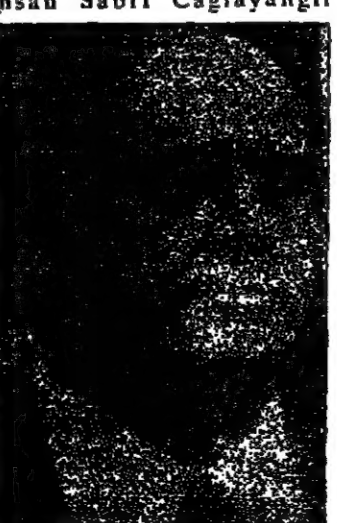
An official of Israel's Interior Ministry told Israel radio: "The deaths were accidents. We forced them because it would be inhumane to let them die."

A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Mr. Majed Abu Sharaa, told reporters in Beirut: "The Nafha prison crime which caused the death of two of our nationals and threatens scores of others should prompt international organisations to resist openly Israeli fascism and seek to save the lives of Palestinian freedom-fighters in jail."

Turkey's opposing sides unite on anti-terrorist law

ANKARA, July 25 (R)—Turkey's minority right-wing government and the main left-wing opposition have agreed to push through five new "anti-terrorist" laws aimed at stemming the tide of political assassinations.

Premier Suleyman Demirel, opposition leader Bulent Ecevit and acting Turkish President Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil



Suleyman Demirel

announced the agreement in separate statements today following a four-hour meeting last night in the presidential palace.

Mr. Ecevit's agreement to back the new bills, proposed by Mr. Demirel, were seen as a positive sign of compromise between the long-feuding big party leaders who have rarely come face to face in recent years.

But Mr. Ecevit refused to back



Bulent Ecevit

two other government-proposed laws, one for setting up special anti-terrorist courts and the other providing for the declaration of a state of emergency giving more power to the government and thus reducing the burden on the martial law forces.

The opposition leader claims those two laws would impose "a Latin American model" on Turkey, giving too much authoritarian power to the government and restricting civil liberties.

About 4,000 people have died in political vendetta killings in Turkey in the past two years. The death toll this year alone is already 1,900, according to police estimates.

Calls for a dialogue between Mr. Demirel and Mr. Ecevit were echoed by politicians, newspapers and various pressure groups this week after three prominent Turks were assassinated in Istanbul within a few days of each other.

The killings of an opposition deputy, a former right-wing premier and a leading leftist trade union chief increased speculation here that one terrorist group was carrying out the murders to provoke civil strife.

Passengers, crew unhurt Two Jordanians arrested in Kuwaiti jetliner hijack

KUWAIT, July 25 (AP) — Two Jordanian hijackers of Palestinian origin who seized a Kuwait Airways Boeing 737 jetliner surrendered uncon-

ditionally Friday to Kuwaiti authorities, the official Kuwait news agency reported.

The agency said all the remaining passengers and crew aboard the plane were released unharmed and police confiscated guns, hand grenades and explosives used in the hijacking.

Earlier, the hijackers released two passengers at Abadan airport in Iran and six others at Kuwait airport. They had released 37 women and children soon after landing here Thursday coming from Beirut.

The agency said Kuwait's interior minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, was supervising interrogation of the hijackers, identified as Mr. Youssef Ahmad Mounleh and Mr. Othman Youssef Abdul Karim.

The surrender came shortly after the radio announced that the pilot, Captain Mark Leahy, and co-pilot, Robert Smith, had managed to escape the plane by jumping out a side window. Unconfirmed reports claimed the hijackers opened fire on the two crewmen but failed to hit either.

After the crewmen's escape security forces surrounded the hijacked jetliner at the end of the runway and brought it under their complete control.

Kuwait Airport was reopened to traffic after the surrender, which came 27 hours after the hijackers seized the plane, which

was carrying a total of 80 passengers and crew while on a regular Beirut-Kuwait flight.

The plane first landed in Kuwait Thursday evening, when the hijackers released the 37 women and children aboard and pressed for their demands.

Kuwait's director general of security, Col. Mohammad Kabandi, said the two had been deported from Kuwait last year for issuing bad checks, and now were demanding 200,000 Kuwaiti dinars (\$750,000) allegedly owed

them by a Kuwait merchant.

Sheikh Nawaf was quoted as saying the demand would be considered if the passengers and crew were released first. But the plane flew to Bahrain for refuelling and returned to Kuwait.

A dawn Friday the hijackers took the plane to Abadan, Iran's oil centre. There the plane spent nearly seven-hours as the hijackers continued to negotiate with the Kuwaiti government through Iranian authorities. It then took off for Tehran.

3 teens kidnapped in Italy

FLORENCE, Italy, July 25 (AP) — Three kidnappers broke into a villa near here and abducted two teen-age daughters of a prominent West German television commentator and their cousin as they were sunbathing, police and interior ministry officials said.

Abducted were Susanne Kronzucker, 15, and her sister Sabina, 13, daughters of television moderator Dieter Kronzucker, police said. Also seized was Martin Wachter, 15, son of an agricultural engineer, they said. The family was visiting the villa on vacation.

The Kronzuckers had rented the villa in the Tuscan hillsides from Prince Filippo Corsini while the Wachters had rented another house nearby. Investigators said the abductors may have wanted to kidnap the prince's relatives.

West German Ambassador Hans Arnold held a special meeting with Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni and Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo to discuss the abduction. Mr. Rognoni ordered Mr. Camillo Rocco, director of the national crime centre Criminalpol, to direct the inquiry into the kidnapping. "It has all the signs of a typical kidnapping for ransom," Lt. Antonio Manganeli of the Florence police said in a telephone interview.

Arab accused of threat to kill president of U.S.

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 25 (AP)—U.S. federal grand jury has indicted 21-year-old Majed Ahmad Khamis on a charge of threatening the life of the U.S. president.

The indictment, returned Wednesday, was based on statements from two men who said they overheard Mr. Khamis say he was a captain in the Palestine Liberation Organisation awaiting orders to assassinate whoever is elected president this fall. The men told Secret Service agents Mr. Khamis told them he had killed 100 people already.

But Mr. Khamis' court-appointed attorney, Mr. Joe Floyd, claims the two brothers, also Arabs, made the allegations to get revenge in a "petty dispute" over a car.

The brothers, Fadel and Shawwan Shahwan, told agents Mr. Khamis also had claimed he killed two Lebanese brothers who were found shot to death near an Irving, Texas, shopping mall in October 1978.

In a sworn statement, they said Mr. Khamis took them to an apartment and showed them a cache of guns and ammunition. Police found a similar supply of guns, grenades and ammunition in two apartments where Mr. Khamis reportedly once lived.

Mr. Khamis was arrested July 15 in San Jose, Calif. He was brought back to Dallas, where a federal magistrate set his bond at \$1 million. He was being held in the Dallas County jail.

If convicted, he could go to prison for up to five years. Mr. Floyd said Mr. Khamis came to the United States about two years ago and enrolled for a while in language classes at the University of Dallas.

British send minister to patch Saudi links

LONDON, July 25 (R)—Britain is sending Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hurd to Jeddah tomorrow for talks aimed at improving relations with Saudi Arabia, the Foreign Office announced today.

These deteriorated sharply in April with the screening here of a British television film called "Death of a Princess" about the execution of a Saudi princess for adultery.

The Saudi authorities asked Britain to prevent the film being shown. But when the British government said it could not interfere with press and broadcasting freedom Saudi Arabia asked for the withdrawal of the British ambassador in Jeddah, Mr. James Craig.

He returned to London in early May. British ministers have expressed regret that the film was shown and strongly criticised it.

The spokesman said Britain hoped that the visit by Mr. Hurd would help in "restoring our bilateral relations to their former excellent level."

Mr. Hurd during his talks with the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, is also expected to discuss Gulf and Afghanistan developments and the Arab-Israeli dispute.

There are no plans yet for Mr. Craig to return to Jeddah or for Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington to visit Saudi Arabia for talks. Mr. Hurd will be in Jeddah from tomorrow until Monday.

His talks are also expected to cover trade and consular aspects of Anglo-Saudi relations. Oil-exporting Saudi Arabia is a big market for British commercial and arms exports. British businessmen were concerned that trade and economic development contracts might be affected by the strained Anglo-Saudi relations.

There are about 20,000 British subjects working in the Arab kingdom and British exports to Saudi Arabia have been running at about one billion sterling (about \$2.4 billion) annually.

Mr. Hurd will also be able to explain to Saudi ministers aspects of the recent European Common Market's Venice summit declaration on the Middle East.

This called for Palestinian self-determination and for the Palestine Liberation Organisation to be associated with peace negotiations at some stage.

Regional Briefs

BEIRUT, July 25 (R)—Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has told members of his ruling party that its opponents are being tracked down everywhere. He spoke in Damascus last night only three days after an unidentified gunman in Paris shot dead former prime minister Salah Eddin Al Bitar, a focus for opposition to Mr. Assad's government. Syria launched a new crackdown against the opposition, spearheaded by the underground Muslim Brotherhood organisation, at the beginning of the month. President Assad, 52, who took power in a coup 10 years ago, said reactionary groupings trying to undermine stability in Syria "have blundered and begun to breathe their last gasp." Addressing a meeting of the central committee of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, the president said: "Our people are chasing the remnants of these groups everywhere, especially the reactionary brotherhood gang which associates itself with Zionism..."

AGHDAD, July 25 (R)—The body of former Syrian prime minister Salah Eddin Al Bitar, 68, who was assassinated in Paris on Sunday, was buried at a Baghdad mosque today. The Iraqi news agency said his body was buried at Um Al Tabul Mosque which contained the bodies of a number of "Arab Revolution martyrs." Mr. Michel Aflaq, secretary general of the Socialist Arab Baath Party which he founded with Mr. Bitar, attended the funeral with other Iraqi officials.

LONDON, July 25 (R)—Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri, on private visit to Britain, had an audience with Queen Elizabeth II today, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said. The president, accompanied by his wife, spent about 20 minutes with the Queen. He said President Numeiri arrived in London last week on his way home from what was described as a routine medical checkup at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. Sudanese officials said he was expected to fly home next week.

UNITIS, July 25 (R)—The Arab League Council has postponed until Saturday discussion of a Lebanese request for extending the mandate of the Arab peace-keeping force in Lebanon for six months. At a special meeting, the council decided to give delegates time to consider a Lebanese report on the problem. The vote, now made up entirely of Syrian troops, intervened to end the Lebanese civil war in November, 1976.

RABAT, July 25 (R)—Moroccan Crown Prince Sidi Mohammed, elder son of King Hassan II, left Rabat by air yesterday for Dakar on a visit to West Africa. Officials said he was carrying messages from the king for the heads of state of Senegal, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Nigeria thanking them for supporting Morocco on the Sahara issue at the last summit of the Organisation of African Unity in Freetown.

BEIRUT, July 25 (R)—None of Beirut's 12 daily newspapers were published today as part of a two-day protest strike against the arrest on Wednesday of the head of the country's press association. Mr. Riad Taha, 53, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in a west Beirut along with his driver. He was the second leading Lebanese journalist to be murdered this year. Two other respondents have escaped with gunshot wounds. Mr. Taha is due to be buried tomorrow. Newspapers have described his killing as a blow to press freedom in Lebanon, which has one of the least politically diverse media in the Arab World. Judicial sources said they were investigating whether Mr. Taha's killing was part of an inter-Shi'ite Muslim feud, possibly exploited by outside parties.

TEL AVIV, July 25 (R)—Two Israelis were wounded today when a bomb exploded in a main street in the town of Bat Yam, police said. The bomb was planted either in or next to a car. The two injured people were taken to hospital where their condition was reported to be "moderate."

Egypt may recall envoy to Israel if Begin puts office in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 25 (R)—Egypt will recall its ambassador in Israel if Prime Minister Menachem Begin moves his office to Arab East Jerusalem, Israel radio reported today.

Quoting western sources, the radio said Egyptian President Anwar Sadat viewed Mr. Begin's intention to move his office to the eastern sector of the city, which Israel seized in the 1967 war, as a unilateral step of annexation.

Egypt's ambassador in Israel, Mr. Saad Murtada, said on army radio today that he had no official knowledge of President Sadat's intentions. "I can only say that President Sadat has stated that the peace process will go on," he said.

Last week, a leading aide of Mr. Begin, Mr. Matityahu Shmulevitz, said the office would be moved to East Jerusalem within a month. This was the first official confirmation that Mr. Begin had decided on the move.

The Israeli Knesset this week passed a controversial Jerusalem bill on its first reading. The bill declares Jerusalem the united, indivisible and eternal capital of Israel.

The bill was sent back to the low committee and Knesset sources said it was highly unlikely that it could be brought back for a second and third reading and become law before the summer recess, which begins next Thursday.

But several Knesset members said yesterday they would urge that the process be speeded up so the bill could be passed next Wednesday. Law committee chairman David Glass vowed quick action on the bill so that it could be passed in time.

The U.S. ambassador in Israel, Mr. Samuel Lewis, met Mr. Begin

yesterday and told him the U.S. regarded moving the prime minister's office to East Jerusalem as an unnecessary provocation to Egypt and the western world and an obstacle to peace.

The newspaper Ma'ariv reported today that Mr. Begin's office was almost ready for occupancy. It said Mr. Begin visited the site personally last month and told Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who accompanied him, that the day he moved into the new office would be one of the greatest of his life.

Only two months ago President Sadat suspended talks with Israel on Palestinian autonomy in protest against the presentation of the bill in the Knesset and Israel's policy of building Jewish settlements on occupied Arab land.

Egypt only agreed to resume the talks under pressure from President Carter. The Knesset's action Wednesday presented Cairo with the decision of whether to suspend the negotiations again and endanger the whole Middle East peace drive.

Pointing out that the bill had only had a first reading, Egyptian Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali told reporters Thursday the autonomy talks would continue as planned with a low-level meeting in Alexandria next week.

The negotiations, aimed at establishing a system of self-rule for the 1.2 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, have made little progress since they began 14 months ago.

Egypt maintains that East Jerusalem is part of the West Bank and should be included in the talks.

Only three days ago President Sadat made a speech reiterating Egypt's rejection of any change in the status of East Jerusalem.

Arab Tourism Union ends session

The ATU General Secretariat has been charged with holding contacts with Arab and friendly nations on granting scholarships to Arab students to study hotel management at universities to promote tourism in the Arab World, Dr. Abu Rahab said.

The committee also decided to encourage Arab states to participate in an international conference on tourism to be held in Manila in September of this year, he added.

Dr. Abu Rahab said that the

executive committee has sent a cable to the Libyan government expressing gratitude for its contribution of JD 10,000 to the ATU budget, and he expressed its gratitude to the Jordanian government for hosting the ATU meetings in Amman.

Culture and youth minister announces agreement with Soviet on sport, culture

AMMAN, July 25 (JNA) -- Agreement has been reached between Jordan and the Soviet

Union on extensive cooperation in sport-related matters, Minister of Culture and Youth Taher Hikmat

said here today.

Speaking upon returning from a visit to Moscow, Mr. Hikmat said that under the agreement the Soviet Union will send coaches to Jordan to train Jordanians in various sports; will help Jordan establish sport centres, and will accept Jordanians for extensive sport training in the Soviet Union. He said his talks with Soviet officials also dealt with means of promoting cultural cooperation between Jordan and the Soviet Union. He said agreement has been reached on increasing cooperation in folklore and theatre work, the translation of literary works into Russian and a programme for cooperation in documentation and the exchange of books and publications.

The minister went to Moscow at the head of a delegation to attend the opening of the Summer Olympics.

P.M. visits Jordan River bridges



AMMAN, July 25 (JNA) -- The Prime Minister, Dr. Qasim Al Rimawi, yesterday paid inspection visits to the customs and police posts at the King Hussein and Prince Mohammad bridges spanning the Jordan River.

Accompanied by Minister of State Hassan Ibrahim, Agriculture Minister Sulaiman Arar and Interior Minister Ali Bashir, Dr. Rimawi spoke to travellers and officials about the procedures for crossing into the West Bank.

The prime minister later chaired a meeting of officials at which he urged them to adopt measures aimed at further facilitating the passage of travellers across the bridges.

ART REVIEW

Syrian sculptor displays talent in new bronze works

By Pat McDowell
and Samir Twaïr
Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS -- An often-heard comment at art exhibitions here is: "We've seen plenty of talented Syrian painters, but where are the sculptors?"

If sculpture is your interest, then you should not miss the current exhibition at Al Sha'b Gallery featuring 21 bronzes by self-taught sculptor Abdul Rahman Mouakket. This show, the artist's ninth exhibition, features his latest experiment in the medium of bronze. His previous efforts in stone -- monumental works weighing more than one ton each -- can be seen in the garden of Damascus National Museum. Mr. Mouakket is determined to learn more about the medium, and is pulling up stakes at the end of this month to study sculpture in Italy and France.

He is selling his family home in Aleppo to finance this two-year venture, and when the exhibition ends at Al Sha'b, he will take whatever works are unsold with him to Europe.

When his exhibition opened this week, the electricity failed at Al Sha'b and the artist quickly did some emergency work and placed a candle beside each of his miniature bronzes which were exhibited on individual pedestals. The effect was better, than it might have been, had the electricity been in operation.

Mr. Mouakket has talent -- one glimpse at his semi-abstract bronzes convinces the viewer of this. But the real test will come when he puts his work next to the output of trained European sculptors. If, however, he has produced this calibre of work without training, odds are he's in for a smashing success after a few years of training with the masters.

When asked why he chose the difficult medium of sculpture, he replied that on the contrary, sculpture chose him -- it was the only form of art he felt easy with.

Mr. Mouakket started working in clay and plaster at the age of 16. In 1960, he entered two works in a high school art contest. Shrugging his shoulders, he admitted to the Jordan Times that he didn't receive so much as an honourable mention for his first efforts. Undaunted, he continued to read about such masters as Michelangelo and Rodin, and to study diagrams and sketches of their works. After finishing high school and one year of teachers' training, he taught elementary school for 12 years. At night, he continued to experiment with sculpture.

From 1967, he began joining collective exhibitions and competitions. He had his first individual exhibition in 1971 at the National Museum of Aleppo. In 1972, he started to work in stone

because "plaster doesn't have character."

"I chose 'Surie', a yellowish stone that is readily available in Aleppo," he explained. "Stone already has life, a personality, but I felt I needed to get inside it and use it as I wanted to."

"Granted, a piece of stone has its own character," he continued. "That is the challenge: to control it. I was limited by the size of the stone, but after that, it was up to me to create a work of art from it."

At this time, Mr. Mouakket was

working with stones that were as large as one metre in height. He continued to experiment, to create expressionistic, realistic and abstract forms until he found the style he was most comfortable with.

"The indirect choice I was led to was what I call abstract-expressionistic," he said.

In 1975, he was awarded an SL 5,000 (\$1,250) cash prize for first place in a contest for Memorial Monuments to Syrian Martyrs. He had an individual exhibition at Al Sha'b Gallery in 1976 (and then, too, the lights went out on opening

night -- which may explain why he was prepared with candles this time). His next exhibition was in 1979 in the largest park in Aleppo. More than three years of preparation had gone into producing 11 monumental stone works.

The *mohafazat* (governorate) decided to keep the sculptures in the park, but Mr. Mouakket is still waiting for payment amounting to SL 75,000 (\$18,750). In the meantime, six of the works were moved to the National Museum of Aleppo for a national exhibition and a few months later, they were moved to the garden of the Damascus National Museum. The total weight of the six sculptures exceeds seven tons, and members of the Damascus art circle still chuckle over this monumental moving job.

About eight months ago, Mr. Mouakket was bedridden with a lung disorder. The physicians diagnosed the problem as dust the sculptor had breathed while chipping stone. His only choice was to switch to another medium. Mr. Mouakket started experimenting with small wax forms. Once he decided upon the finished shapes, he made sand moulds, purchased bronze and took his moulds to the brass furnaces of Aleppo.

The result is on view through this week at Al Sha'b. He has chosen patriotic themes to title his works, such as "Jerusalem", "Lebanon", and "The Palestinian Cause". His free forms almost about out their message in their lines. An abstract prehistoric horse tosses its elongated head back across a full, swelling flank, and human forms emerge from the texture of carved stone in a piece entitled "The Palestinians".

Mr. Mouakket is a sculptor of remarkable talent, and his work should be seen before it is removed to Europe.



Abstract-expressionism is the name Abdul Rahman Mouakket has chosen for his style of bronze sculpture.

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A clear rendering

JORDAN has placed before the United Nations General Assembly a clear and concise rendering of the basic Arab conditions for Middle East peace, while at the same time, providing, from this country's unique vantage point, fresh witness to the grim facts of the criminal Israeli occupation.

In his speech before the Assembly's special session on Palestine yesterday, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem went beyond a recitation of the truism of the Palestinian people's right -- and the Arab Nation's unstinting support for that right -- to full self-determination in their own homeland and to return to that homeland. The minister focused specifically on the acts of aggression being committed by the Zionist enemy in settling, annexing and terrorising the occupied homeland.

Zeroing in on a topic which most closely concerns Jordan, Mr. Qasem spoke particularly of Israel's drive for territorial aggrandisement at the expense of Arab rights and Arab land and the stranglehold it has imposed on the heart of the Arab Nation, occupied Jerusalem. The victim of a campaign of distortion, destruction and excavation, Mr. Qasem said, Jerusalem was today a sad city -- condemned, perhaps, to bear Kipling's "nine parts of mankind's sorrow."

The main issue -- the one which must be emphasised since it is the one which Israel's supporters are forever trotting out -- is the question of security, and, as Mr. Qasem pointed out, Zionism's propagandists and apologists have done a massive job in manipulating world public opinion on this point.

The American representative, Mr. Vanden Heuvel, for example, told the Assembly on Thursday that the Arab and non-aligned nations who are seeking a resolution from the Assembly on a just settlement of the Palestinian question "make no attempt to understand, much less accept, Israel's concern for its security."

Mr. Qasem's reply to that was forthright: "Israel's continuous acts of aggression under the pretext of providing security for its people prompt the Arab Nation to seek security for itself against that aggression."

What the supporters of Israel must eventually come to appreciate is that no-one's security -- not Israel's, not that of the Western world that supports Israel, certainly not that of the victims of Israeli aggression -- is enhanced either by ignoring the Arab and Palestinian peoples' urgent cries for justice or by turning a blind eye to the atrocities committed daily by the Israeli occupation.

That is basically what this General Assembly session is all about.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: Two Arab detainees die at the hand of their tormentors in Israeli jails before the eyes of the world and no one in the West seems to care. None of those who a few months ago raised a hue and cry over the freedom of a Jewish dissident being placed under house arrest in the Soviet Union made a peep in protest against Israel's newest crime.

The United States, which blindly supports Israel and continuously provides it with the means to build more prisons and commit more crimes against the Palestinians, has "expressed its concern" over the situation.

The European nations did nothing when faced with Israel's acts, and this prompts us to wonder if the Europeans consider the Palestinians inferior to the rest of the human race.

We wonder how the Americans and Europeans would have reacted had an American hostage in Iran met the same fate as the two Palestinian martyrs.

What is happening inside Israel's prisons, and the indifferent reaction to it in the West, strengthen our conviction that those who brag about their concern for the establishment of peace in the Middle East have no sympathy whatsoever for the Palestinian people and their cause, and actually consider the Palestinians inferior to other human beings.

For the Arabs, the martyrs of Nafsa represent two torches lighting the path of their struggle, and augmenting the impetus pushing them to build up their intrinsic strength and use it to check Israel's aggression and region their usurped rights.

AL DUSTOUR: Israel's acts of oppression in the occupied West Bank, which have now reached serious dimensions, are inseparable from the developments in the Palestine problem itself.

Israel's frenzy in adopting measures aimed at annexing Arab Jerusalem, coupled with repressive acts against the Arab population -- surpassing those of the Nazi criminals -- coincides with fierce attacks by Israel's leaders on the United Nations -- that international body which gave Israel its birth certificate and has long supported its growth.

Therefore it can now be said that the Arab-Israeli conflict has been transformed into one between Israel and the whole world -- as is seen by Israel's blatant defiance of the international community and the U.N. Charter and principles.

Examples of this defiance are the recent statement by Israel's U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Blum, in which he described the world organisation as a bankrupt and impotent institution, and the recurrent attacks by Premier Menachem Begin on the United Nations.

The Arabs have been warning the world of the danger inherent in Zionism, which is a fascist and racist philosophy, and now the world has come to realise this fact and is currently witnessing the truth about Israel's arrogance and evil acts in the occupied Arab lands.

We find it incumbent upon the United Nations General Assembly, which is currently debating the Palestine problem, to deal with the Zionists with firmness and as strictly as possible in order to put an end to the challenge they represent to the authority and prestige of the world organisation.

It is time that Israel, the aggressor, was punished and expelled from the United Nations for its practices and policies. The international community has no other choice but to impose sanctions on Israel -- if not for the sake of the Palestinians, then in defence of the United Nations' own dignity and existence.

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Damas-Scene

By Pat McDonnell and Samir Twair



"Dance", an oil painting by Sharif Moharram on view in the Ismail Centre.

(Week of July 26 - Aug. 1)

EXHIBITIONS

DAY, Aug. 1: An exhibition of 30 oil paintings and sketches by Sharif Moharram goes on view for 10 days in the Adham Ismail Centre. The artist was born in Arab-Aza-Jarablis and studied from the Fathi Mohammad Art Centre of Aleppo in 1967. He worked as editor of Beirut magazine, *Al Sayyad*, from 1970 to 1974 and is a senior at the Fine Arts Academy of Damascus University. The current show is his fourth individual exhibition. Works on view include still lifes and realistic compositions of life in the Old City of Damascus. The artist uses oil paints he creates with an oil base.

* A photo exhibit featuring highlights of the Moscow Olympic Games opens in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

NTINUING: An important exhibition of 20 semi-abstract size sculptures by Mr. Abdul Rahman Mouakket is on view in Sha'b Gallery. This marks the first exhibition of bronze pieces by the artist, who is leaving later this month for study in Italy and France. His monumental sculptures in stone are on view in the dens of the Damascus and Aleppo National Museums. Hours: 8 p.m. daily except Friday.

* Oil paintings and etchings by Mamdouh Kachlan are on view in Ebla Gallery, one block northwest of the Italian Hospital.

* Icons, abstracts, landscapes and primitive Syrian paintings by artist George Genoura can be seen daily from 5 to 8 p.m. in his studio in the Jisr area of Damascus.

LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, July 30: A lecture on the philosophy of Tantric Yoga will be given by master yoga instructor Dada Praviira at 5 p.m. in the Damascus Community School.

* Christian Fellowship meetings convene at 7 p.m. in the home of Principal Valyn Anderson of the Damascus Community School.

VIDEO-TAPE PROGRAMMES

WEDNESDAY, June 29: A sports revue on tennis, car racing and weightlifting is slated for 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre.

WEDNESDAY, July 30, and FRIDAY, Aug. 1: A history of dance during the 1930s will be shown both evenings at 6 p.m. (in French).

FILMS

TUESDAY, Aug. 26, TUESDAY, July 29, and WEDNESDAY, July 30: "Catch-22", the award winning film directed by Mike Nichols, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the American Cultural Centre.

WEDNESDAY, July 27: "The Stewardess" is a feature film to be shown at 8 p.m. in the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in German, with Arabic sub-titles).

WEDNESDAY, July 28, and THURSDAY, July 31: "Ben et Medet", an art film directed by Paula Delsol in 1976, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. It stars Françoise Lebrun, Paula Delsol, Andre Dussoier and Daniel Duval (in French).

WEDNESDAY, July 28 and WEDNESDAY, July 30: "Accused of Murder" is a feature film to be shown at 8 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, with Arabic sub-titles).

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1: A feature film about the Moscow Olympiad, titled "My Dear Gentle Monster", will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

YOGA INSTRUCTION

Master yoga instructor Dada Praviira teaches yoga at 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Damascus Community School. Beginners welcome. Cost is SL 100 (\$25) monthly.

ENTERTAINMENT

Throughout Ramadan, the Meridien Hotel serves a barbecue inner poolside in La Ghouta Restaurant from 9 p.m. Dance music is performed by The Percussion Three on the organ, guitar, drums and accordion.

If you have items for the Damas-Scene column, please mail them 10 days in advance to Pat McDonnell at P.O. Box 5601, Damascus, or phone them in Damascus to 336-658.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, July 25 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein yesterday sent a cable of condolence to the family of Mr. Riad Taha, the president of the Lebanese Press Association who was assassinated in Beirut on Wednesday. In his cable the King expressed sympathy for the bereaved family and denounced the "ugly crime" which, he said, was "aimed at destroying freedom of the press and democracy in Lebanon."



AMMAN, July 25 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein and His Highness Crown Prince Hassan yesterday visited the army headquarters and met with the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. They discussed matters connected with the armed forces.

AMMAN, July 25 (JT) — Four first-class restaurants in Amman have been closed at the order of the Health Minister, Dr. Zuhair Malhas, a report in *Al Ra'i* newspaper said today. The restaurants had been found to have violated sanitary regulations. The paper named three of these restaurants as the Panorama, the Middle East and Al Waha.

AMMAN, July 25 (JNA) — The University of Jordan announced today that it will begin receiving applications for the academic year 1980-1981 on July 28. The deadline for applications will be Aug. 8. All applications should be sent by post, university sources said.

AMMAN, July 25 (JT) — Fourteen senior police officers have been retired upon a decision by the cabinet, *Al Ra'i* newspaper reported today. It said two of the retired officers held the rank of major general. The other officers' ranks range between colonel and lieutenant.

IRBID, July 25 (JNA) — The Water Supply Corporation announced yesterday that it has started carrying out a project to supply drinking water to six villages in Irbid governorate. The JD 275,000 project, it said, entails building water towers, installing water pumps and laying water pipes of various sizes. The project, to be completed by the end of 1981, depends on drawing water from two springs: 'Ain Al Tais and 'Ain Al Deek to supply the villages of Burma, Dibbin, Juzazeh, Wadi Haddadeh, Kittu and the refugee camp of Gaza near Ajloun.

IRBID, July 25 (JNA) — The Health Department here announced yesterday that it has plans, which will cost nearly JD 532,000, for developing health services in Irbid Governorate. A department spokesman said the plans, expected to be carried out by the end of this year, envisage establishing an institute for paramedics, health centres in villages in the Irbid area and enlarging the Princess Basma Hospital in the city.

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1. Documents and drawings can be obtained from the Tender Section at the Housing Corporation against a non-refundable payment of JD 480, beginning from Aug. 2, 1980.
2. Closing date for acceptance of written enquiries and questions on the tender documents and drawings is Sept. 1, 1980.
3. The Housing Corporation will reply to such enquiries by Oct. 1, 1980.
4. The contractor should submit an offer for all the parts comprising this phase, either with construction through system or traditional, or through both, in addition to the infrastructure works.
5. The corporation reserves the right to award this tender on a partial basis unless the tendering contractor, refuses such terms overtly.
6. The contractor should submit a time schedule for the project's implementation, taking into consideration that a short implementation period will be an important factor in awarding the contract.
7. Offers should be submitted to the Tender Section at the Housing Corporation before 12 noon, Saturday Nov. 15, 1980.
8. The Jordan Housing Corporation is under no obligation to accept the least or any offer.
9. Advertisement fees in local papers shall be borne by the contractor awarded this tender.

Director General
Eng. H. Nabulsi

SUNDAY'S HORSE RACES

AT THE ROYAL RACING CLUB - MARKA

THIRD RACE 4:15 P.M.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,000 METRES

1. Mazin El Hadid	DAHIS	Owner	Mousa	56
2. Nimir El Hmoud	GHOBAR	Owner	Salamih	54
3. Suliman El Sanie	GHAZWAN	Owner	Najib	54
4. Kittanih & A. El Maseeh	HAYATI	Owner	Thamin	54
5. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable	BINTEL EIED	Kamal	Ibrahim	52.5
6. Ghalib Haddadin	BINTEL IZZ	Balasim	Ahmad	52.5
7. Nidal B. El Hadid	EL ANOUD	Owner	Daifallah	52.5
8. Hani El Hadid	HOWAIDA	Owner	Fawwaz	51.5
9. Al El Latif El Hadid	WISAM	Owner	Salah	50
10. Sami Haddadin	KHOLOUD	Balasim	Khadir	48.5
11. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable	TABRIZ	Kamal	Mostaf	50

FIRST RACE 3:15 P.M.

FOR LOCAL COUNTRY HORSES,
BEGINNERS
DISTANCE 1,000 METRES

1. Suliman El Sanie	ANTAR
2. Mohammad Suliman	ARBID
3. Ali Yamani	HALA
4. Suliman Khalifah	ITIMAD
5. Khalid El Adwan	EL ABJAR
6. Khalid El Adwan	WADAAN
7. A. Sokout & Ibrahim	GHAZIEH
8. Ismael Saleem	SHALLAL
9. Sasirallah Salem	EL FARASHIH

Owner	Najib	57
Owner	Mousa	57
Owner	Khalif	55.5
Owner	Salamih	55.5
Owner	Salah	54
Owner	Thamin	50
Owner	Ahmad	52.5
Owner	Fawwaz	50
Owner	Ibrahim	45.5

FOURTH RACE 4:45 P.M.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

1. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable	DOKOL	Kamal	Ibrahim	58
2. Ghalib Haddadin	MARJI	Balasim	Khadir	56
3. Sami Haddadin	GHAZIR	Balasim	Ahmad	54.5
4. Bahjat Fanous	SHABAB	Owner	Najib	54
5. Nimir El Hmoud	SHAM ROUKH	Owner	Salamih	54
6. A. Sokout & Ibrahim	WABA	Owner	Mousa	54
7. Bassam El Hadid	EL MOJIB	Owner	Daifallah	54
8. Ahmad Basbous	MOHAJIM	Owner	Salah	50
9. A. El Latif El Hadid	ABBEER	Owner	Fawwaz	49.5
10. Hani El Hadid	HIDAYAH	Owner	Fawwaz	45.5

SECOND RACE 3:45 P.M.

FOR BEGINNER HORSES
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Sami Y. Madros	MAKFOUL
2. A. Sokout & Ibrahim	FATA EL JAZIRIH
3. Ghalib Haddadin	EL ZAHAB EL ASWAD
4. Mamdouh El Hadid	NADWAH
5. Rashid Oudih	GHAZWAN
6. Khalid El Adwan	NASHWAN
7. Suliman El Sanie	GHAZALAN
8. Shalan El Khashman	EL BARIAH
9. Hani El Hadid	MIHYAR
10. Nidal B. El Hadid	HILAL EL SAAD
11. Nimir El Hmoud	BINTEL REEH
12. Sami Haddadin	F. EL BALK

Owner	Thamin	57
Owner	Mousa	57
Owner	Balasim	57
Owner	Daifallah	55.5
Owner	Mostafa	55.5
Owner	Salah	53
Owner	Najib	53
Owner	Radwan	51.5
Owner	Fawwaz	50
Owner	Ibrahim	50
Owner	Salamih	51.5
Owner	Balasim	55.5

FIFTH RACE 5:15 P.M.

FOR SECOND CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

1. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil Stable	JALMOUD	Kamal	Ibrahim	52
2. Nimir El Hmoud	DINAR	Owner	Salamih	50
3. A. Sokout & Ibrahim	B. EL JAZIRIH	Owner	Mousa	50
4. Dr. Marwan Kamal	SHAHIM	Owner	Mostafa	50
5. Mamdouh El Hadid	EL GHAWI	Owner	Daifallah	50
6. Bahjat Fanous	HOLWAN	Owner	Najib	48
7. Fakhri Ahmad	M. EL SIBAK	Owner	Fawwaz	48
8. Sami Haddadin	SINDAH	Balasim	Ahmad	48
9. Rashid Oudih	TAJ EL AROUS	Owner	Salah	48

TODAY'S WEATHER

will be seasonal weather, with	Agaba	23	37
westwesterly moderate winds. In	Deserts	14	36
the, winds will be northerly	Jordan Valley	22	35
blate and seas calm.			

Overnight Daytime
Low High
15 30

The high temperature, in Amman on Friday was 29, while that in Agaba was 37.

Carter administration now forecasts economy decline, unemployment rise

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Special) -- The Carter administration now forecasts that the output of the U.S. economy will decline by 3.1 per cent in real terms from the fourth quarter of 1979 to the fourth quarter of 1980, that consumer prices will rise 12 per cent, and that unemployment will be 8.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1980.

The forecast was included in the administration's mid-session review of the budget, released recently.

The figure on output shows a deterioration in the outlook since the last administration forecast in March, when it projected that gross national product (GNP) would decline 0.4 per cent. Likewise, the new unemployment figure is worse--8.5 per cent compared to 7.2 per cent in the earlier forecast. The new estimate for inflation is more optimistic than the old--12 per cent compared with 12.8 per cent.

The larger-than-expected decline in output, along with other factors, means that the administration now expects a larger fiscal 1980 budget deficit than projected in the revised budget offered in March--\$61.000 million now, compared to \$36.500 million, then. Those "other factors" include higher defence spending; unanticipated events such as the eruption of the Mount

St. Helens volcano and the influx of Cuban and Haitian refugees, and action by Congress to eliminate the petrol conservation fee that President Carter had imposed.

The administration expects unemployment to remain high--at the same 8.5 per cent level in the absence of policy changes--throughout 1981 as well, but looks for the rise in consumer prices next year to slow to 9.8 per cent and output to show a rise of 2.6 per cent in real terms--adjusting for the rate of inflation.

Mr. James McIntyre, Jr., director of the Office of Management and Budget, said: "These economic prospects are not acceptable to the administration." He said policy measures designed to raise investment, productivity and growth will be developed in the months ahead. He added: "It is quite likely that a tax cut will be

desirable in 1981. But it is not appropriate to propose one now. The administration believes strongly that the last months of a congressional session, in an election year, are not the time to make the judicious decisions needed for a skillfully designed tax programme to improve economic performance."

Republican presidential candidate Mr. Ronald Reagan has already advocated a 30-per cent reduction in income tax rates over a three-year period, and other Republicans in Congress are calling for sharp reductions in business taxes to stimulate investment.

The chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, Mr. Charles Schultz, told newsmen that despite the decline of output at a 9.1 per cent annual rate in the second quarter of 1980, there are signs of a turnaround in the economy. He cited the 30-per cent rise in housing starts in June and recent increase in retail sales.

A key question is whether business will resume investment expenditures quickly, he said, and added that recent surveys give some reason for hope in this area.

Mr. Schultz commented that the U.S. economy remains strong and productive--noting that in the past ten years it has provided a 24-per cent increase in jobs for U.S. workers.

Iran orders \$35m in Indian goods to offset western sanctions

NEW DELHI, July 25 (R) -- A delegation of Indian industrialists seeking to develop exports to Iran has returned from Tehran with an initial order worth 280 million rupees (\$35 million), the delegation leader said today.

Mr. V.P. Panj, chairman of India's Engineering Export Promotion Council, said business with Iran could easily soar to 993 million rupees (\$125 million).

He told journalists that car parts alone represented a potential business worth 10 billion rupees (\$1.25 billion).

Mr. Panj said products holding enormous scope for Indian exporters ranged from motorcycles, scooters, bicycles and car parts to agricultural equipment, tractors, refrigerator components and steel pipes.

He said the 13-member delegation had received many proposals for joint ventures, but declined to elaborate.

The delegation went to Tehran after Iranian Commerce Minister Reza Sadr visited New Delhi last month, seeking exports from India to counter western economic sanctions against Iran because of its host-gate dispute with the United States.

Economic News Briefs

Dollar firms, gold continues climb

LONDON, July 25 (AP) -- The dollar firmed against most major European currencies in early trading today, while the gold price again moved sharply ahead. Gold was traded at \$652.50 an ounce in both London and Zurich, Europe's biggest bullion markets. This represented a rise of more than \$10 an ounce from yesterday's closing price.

Dealers said the gold market was stimulated by higher overnight closing prices in New York. Gold, however, showed similar rises in yesterday's early trading before falling back at the close.

One London dealer said the market lacked any fresh influential political or economic news, and prices for the rest of the day might simply reflect pre-weekend book-squaring and possibly some cautionary profit-taking.

In Hong Kong, gold closed today at \$647.60 an ounce, a sharp rise from yesterday's closing of \$630.42. In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar rose for the sixth straight day against the Japanese yen. It closed today at 224.90 yen, up from yesterday's finish of 223.70 yen, and 5.70 yen higher than last Friday's close.

World Bank grants India \$30m loan

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) -- The World Bank announced yesterday approval of a \$30-million loan for a watershed development project in the western state of Punjab in India. The bank said this would be the country's first integrated attempt to tackle the problem of soil erosion and economic development in the Himalayan sub-mountainous zone in Punjab.

Total cost of the Kandi Watershed Area Development Project will be \$60.8 million with the governments of India and Punjab providing \$30.8 million.

The project includes: rehabilitation of the upper catchments to control runoff and erosion from the hills; flood control and irrigation works; development of farmlands to protect them from floods, and; technical assistance. The loan is for 20 years, including a five-year grace period, and bears 8.25 per cent annual interest.

Japanese to draw Egypt's Suez oil

TOKYO, July 25 (AP) -- A Japanese consortium said today it would start commercial crude oil production on the west coast of Egypt's Suez Gulf soon to extract an initial 5,000 barrels per day. The Egyptian Petroleum Development Company, jointly organised by Japanese oil refiners, said it plans to increase oil mining wells in the concession area there to double the oil production next year.

1980 world wheat yield should top '79

LONDON, July 25 (AP) -- World wheat production this year should total 440 million tons to 450 million tons, compared with 424.6 million tons in 1979, the International Wheat Council announced yesterday. Soviet wheat imports in 1980-81 could run to 10 million to 12 million tons and China is expected to import 9 million to 11 million tons, the two countries accounting for almost one quarter of the projected world wheat trade, the council forecast.

It said that weather difficulties are affecting yield prospects of spring wheat in west Canada and the northern United States. Excessive rain and below-normal temperatures have occurred in other parts of the northern hemisphere. Dry weather or rain delayed sowings in different areas of Australia, although crop prospects there are favourable, the council added.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, July 25 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.3965/75	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.1532/25	Canadian dollar	
	1.7345/55	West German marks	
	1.8945/60	Dutch guilders	
	1.5930/45	Swiss francs	
	27.72/75	Belgian francs	
	4.0335/55	French francs	
	824.75/825.50	Italian lire	
	223.00/20	Japanese yen	
	4.1050/70	Swedish crowns	
	4.7930/50	Norwegian crowns	
	5.3645/55	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	640.00/642.00	U.S. dollars	

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, July 25 (R) -- Most industrial sections closed slightly easier in narrow trading with the FT industrial index at 1500 down 1.6 at 485.4.

Government bonds however were higher or steady. Banks were led down by Midland which closed 18p lower at 335p after lower than expected results, with Natwest losing 15p at 353 and Barclays 13p at 398.

Oils also fell with Shell Transport down 10p at 410 and Tricentrol also 10p lower at 332p.

South Africans were generally firmer while North American issues were mixed to lower.

In paper shares Reed was 11p down at 194 and Bowater three lower at 183, while Dunlop holdings was up three pence at 81 following announcement of the appointment of Department of Trade investigators into shareholdings in the company.

John Brown was up 3p at 57p after results while Davy Corp. was up 5p at 98. Dalgety was down 8p at 259p.

Distillers rose one penny to 214 following announcement of a new gin distillery to meet future demand.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day to be organized and to schedule your activities for the future. You are more businesslike now and can handle difficult problems in a satisfactory manner.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study new philosophies. Life that can be helpful in the future. Make sure your personal life is well organized.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take time to talk with influential persons who can help you in your career. Obtain new ideas of worth from friends.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make sure you keep important promises made to others and gain their goodwill and respect. Express happiness.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Contact new allies who can be helpful to you in new enterprises. Engage in favorite hobby.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Ideal day to get busy on important duties you've been putting off for a long time. Take needed health treatments.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Contact influential persons who can be helpful to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Ideal day to join congenial at recreations you enjoy. Take a look at a new interest that could prove profitable in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Go to the right sources to garner the data you need in order to make your life more successful in the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be more concerned with money matters since rising prices require that you have more money. Think constructively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have a good chance to get what you go after today. A fine talent you have can be expressed at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Show that you have good common sense and gain the respect of others. Discuss personal plans with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study positive ways to improve the quality of your life. Show more affection for family members. Show that you have wisdom.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	291.00/292.50	French franc	71.90/7
U.K. sterling	690.00/695.00	Dutch guilder	152.10/15
West German mark	167.00/168.00	Swedish crown	70.40/7
Swiss franc	183.50/181.00	Belgian franc	104.00/10
Italian lire		Japanese yen	
(for every 100)	34.50/35.20	(for every 100)	130.80/13

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Olympic Roundup

From wire services in Moscow

OSCO—A major row erupted over Romania's gymnastics final Nadia Comaneci last night when she lost her Olympic individual title after a crowd squabble among the judges.

Romanians in the crowd chanted "fair play, fair play" as the judges judged each other over her marks.

The row began after the 18-year-old star of the Montreal Olympics finished her final routine on the beam. She wobbled slightly but immediately turned what could have been a disastrous loss of balance to a new movement.

A mark of 9.95 points would have been enough to win her the gold medal. She had given the performance of her life to bounce back in an almost hopeless fourth place.

But when the marks came in, the head judge, Maria Simionescu of Romania, refused to accept them. She argued that they were too low for the mistake Comaneci had made.

The crowd began chanting when the six judges and Lidia Ivanova, Soviet head of the International Gymnastics Federation's technical committee began squabbling with each other.

Soviet fans countered the Romanian calls with "Yelena, Yelena," sporting their top performer Yelena Davydova. The row was finally settled by awarding Comaneci 9.85 points giving the gold medal to Davydova. Comaneci and Maxi Gnauck of East Germany tied the silver medal.

The other judges refused to change their marks and gesticulated and argued for nearly half an hour amid chants and cat-calls from the audience. Senior officials of the International Gymnastics Federation finally ruled that Comaneci's original mark be entered on the score sheet.

Mrs. Simionescu told reporters afterwards the marks had ranged between 9.80 and 10, giving an average of 9.85 which she considered a low for a routine performed only by Comaneci.

The Romanian press Friday attacked the judges and said they had cheated. Romanian gymnastics star Comaneci of a well-deserved Olympic victory.

"Nadia is the best but, flagrantly violating sports ethics and the Olympic spirit, the referees defrauded Nadia of the gold medal in the final of every body," the official Agence France Press agency quoted a Romanian Communist daily Scinteia as saying.

GYMNASTICS: Alexander Dityatin of the Soviet Union won a gold medal and added four silvers and one bronze medal in five other individual apparatus events to star Friday in the men's gymnastics competition.

Soviet teammates Nikolai Andrianov and Alexander Tkachov won gold medals in the vault and parallel bars as the Soviets won exactly half the titles at stake.

Other East Europeans won the three other gold medals.

Roland Bruckner of East Germany won the floor exercise, Zoltan Magyar of Hungary took the side horse title with the only perfect score of 10.0 of the afternoon events and Bulgaria's Stoyan Deltchev won his specialty, the horizontal bar.

All-round champion Dityatin finished runner-up in the vault, at parallel bars, the side horse and the horizontal bar and got his bronze medal in the floor exercises.

Led by Dityatin's gold, four silvers and a bronze, one of each for Andrianov and a gold and silver for Tkachov, the Soviets won 11 of a possible 18 medals in Friday's individual apparatus events.

the past years. That will end Saturday.

In women's competition, Lyudmila Kondratyeva of the Soviet Union set the fastest time in the opening round of the 100 metres on the second day of the Olympic athletics programme Friday when she clocked 11.13 seconds.

Kondratyeva, the European 200 metres champion, looked capable of overcoming the challenge of the powerful East German sprint squad led by 100 metres world record holder Marlies Gohr who won her heat in 11.41 seconds.

Kondratyeva was timed at 10.87 seconds, a 100th of a second inside Gohr's world record in Leningrad last month, though her time will not be ratified as a record because there was no photo-finish film available.

Nevertheless there was no doubt today about the quality of her sprinting despite the dull breezy conditions in the Lenin Stadium.

After the first event of the two-day Decathlon Britain's Daley Thompson led by 88 points with a 100 metres victory in 10.62 seconds. The Commonwealth champion is hoping to recapture the world record he lost last month to West German Guido Kratschmer who is absent from Moscow because of the Olympics boycott.

SWIMMING: Australia swam to a sensational upset victory over a heavily favoured Soviet squad to capture the gold medal in the men's 4x100 metres medley relay at the Olympic pool Thursday night.

In a nail-biting finish, teenager Neil Brooks swept past Soviet Olympic champion Sergei Kilyakov to give Australia their first Olympic swimming title since the 1972 Munich games.

The Russians, with six Olympic swimming titles already, had looked certain winners after building up a commanding lead in the Backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly legs.

But Brooks, 18 next Sunday, drew on exceptional reserves on the final freestyle leg to pass Kopylov, who won the individual 200 metres freestyle title earlier this week.

The Australian quartet of Mark Kerry, Peter Evans, Mark Tonelli and Brooks clocked 3 minutes 45.70 seconds to beat the Soviet squad by 22 hundredths of a second, with Britain two seconds back capturing the bronze medal.

Soviet swimming star Vladimir Salnikov had earlier surged to a golden treble when he won the 400 metres freestyle final while East Germany's all-conquering women's squad swept to two more titles and one world record.

The East German golds were won by Barbara Krause, the 100 metres freestyle winner, who completed a double in the 200 metres event, and Caren Metschuck in the 100 metres butterfly.

Fellow East German Ute Geweniger crashed through her world 1:10 metres breaststroke mark qualifying heats with a new time of 1:10.11. That sliced nine hundredths of a second from the mark she set in Magdeburg two months ago.

Salnikov, 20, lead throughout to capture the 400 title and make it three golds in three days after triumphs in the 1,500 metres freestyle and 4x200 metres freestyle relay.

The Russian finished three metres clear of teammates Andrei Krylov and Ivar Stukolkin in a Soviet medals sweep. But his time of 3:51.31 was not enough to reclaim the world record snatched by Canadian Peter Szmidt in Toronto last week.

BOXING: Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba smashed Solomon Ataga to the floor with his famed right hand at the end of first round and launched his bid for a third straight Olympic heavyweight boxing gold medal Friday.

With eight seconds left in the round Stevenson fired a right over Ataga's left. It crashed against the 33-year-old Nigerian civil servant's jaw and he slumped to the canvas.

Ataga struggled up to his feet but as the referee continued the mandatory eight count he reeled toward a neutral corner and the referee signalled the bout was over.

Ataga then slumped to a knee. Stevenson went to him and helped the badly dazed Nigerian to his corner as the crowd cheered the man who for a decade has been the world's outstanding amateur boxer.

Stevenson entered the ring to loud applause with a wide smile on his face and threw his arms up as a gesture to the crowd's warm greeting.

The Cuban, who must win four fights to become the first man to win three gold medals in the same weight-class, next will fight Gregorz Skrzec of Poland on July 29. The Pole advanced Friday by stopping William Isangura of Tanzania in the first round.

In two other bouts on the afternoon card Victor Demianenko, a 152-pounder (60 kg) outpointed Jong Jo Ung of North Korea, and Hipolito Ramos of Cuba outpointed Farid Salman Mahdi of Iraq.

SHOOTING: Francisco Perez of Spain and Chelso Giardini of Italy led the Olympic skeet clay pigeon shooting competition Friday. Both men shot perfect scores of 75 to total 149. Hans Kjeld Rasmussen of Denmark and Finland's Ari Westergaard were behind on 148. The medals will be decided Saturday.

Austria won its first medal of the games as Gerhard Petritsch won the bronze in the rapid fire pistol event. Corneliu Ion of Romania won the gold and Jurgen Wiefel of East Germany won the silver. All three finished even at 596 and the medals were determined by a shootout.

Jordanian shooting team returns home

AMMAN, July 25 (JNA) — The Jordanian shooting team which took part in the Moscow Olympics returned to Amman this evening. The team competed in clay pigeon trap-shooting and rifle marksmanship.

THE Daily Crossword by H. Kermit Jackson

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OAS condemns military takeover Bolivian resistance lessens as miners get 'starved out'

LA PAZ, July 25 (Agencies) — Bolivian miners' resistance to last week's military coup seemed to start crumbling

when 10,000 of the 50,000 strong group agreed to return to work yesterday.

A spokesman for the state mining corporation, Comibol, told Reuters workers at the Catavi and Quechisla tin mines 350 kilometres south of here accepted government proposals for a peaceful settlement.

The miners are the only group in Bolivia to offer sustained resistance to last Thursday's overthrow of President Mrs. Lidia Gueiler.

Miners still refusing to recognise the new government are finding themselves short of food as surrounding troops cut off supplies.

"They will win this battle through starvation," one mining union leader said.

The number of casualties from skirmishes between miners and government troops is still unknown.

The mineworkers own radio station, which earlier gave reports of the resistance movement, has stopped broadcasting.

A source at the mines and minerals ministry said the six-day stoppage at the country's mines will have a serious impact on the economy.

Bolivia depends on tin for 70 per cent of its export earnings and is the world's second largest producer of the metal, last year pro-

ducing 27,800 tonnes. Catavi is one of the country's largest mines with an annual output around 5,500 tonnes.

Meanwhile in La Paz the foreign diplomatic corps called on the new government to give information on an unknown number of political prisoners seized in last Thursday's coup.

The Venezuelan ambassador also said he had been warned by police and army officers his embassy was under threat of attack by a paramilitary group intent on seizing those who had sought asylum inside.

In a related development *Newsweek* magazine photographer Olivier Rebott, a French citizen, was seized as he got off a plane in Santa Cruz after arriving on a flight from Miami.

The French embassy in La Paz said its consul in La Paz visited Mr. Rebott on Thursday at the army barracks where he was being held and that he had not been mistreated.

The embassy said Mr. Rebott, who arrived Wednesday, was arrested after officials spotted Cuban and Nicaraguan visas in his passport. The embassy said it was informed the photographer would

be expelled on the first available flight.

Foreign Minister Gen. Javier Cerruto said the government has advised other nations of the change in government and asked for recognition.

As of Thursday afternoon no government had announced recognition of the regime.

The new Bolivian government is headed by Gen. Luis García Meza, who was and continues to be commander of the army in addition to president.

In Washington a majority of Organisation of American States (OAS) member countries on Thursday condemned the right-wing military government of Bolivia for having prevented that country's democratically-elected government from taking office.

The OAS also called on the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights to look into allegations that serious human rights violations have taken place in Bolivia since last week's military coup.

The condemnation resolution was supported by 15 countries — Peru, Mexico, Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Barbados and the United States.

The OAS assembly postponed the final vote for today, but the resolution's approval was taken for granted since only 14 nations are necessary to reach a majority. Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Haiti and Guatemala remained silent during Thursday's session.

Soviet spacecraft docks 1½ hours behind schedule

MOSCOW, July 25 (AP) — It took the Soviet Soyuz 37 shuttle craft 1½ hours longer to dock with the Salyut 6 orbiting station than Soviet space officials had predicted, but there was no indication of specific technical problems that might have caused the delay.

When the craft, carrying a veteran Soviet cosmonaut and a 33-year-old Vietnamese air force officer, lifted off at 9.33 p.m. Mos-

cow time Wednesday, Tass said a link-up would occur within 24 hours.

But the docking did not come until 11.02 p.m. Thursday, Moscow time, and was not announced by Tass until almost 3 a.m. Friday.

The Soyuz craft carried Lt. Col. Pham Tuan, and Viktor Gorbatko, to a link-up with Valery Tryumin and Leonid Popov, who have been circling the globe in the Salyut 6 since April 9.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Vietnamese communist party chief Le Duan sent the four-man crew a congratulatory telegram which Tass quoted as saying:

"The Olympic flame is now burning in Moscow. The games of the 22nd Olympiad are being keynoted by the striving of the planet's peoples for peace, international solidarity and friendship. Your space flight also serves these noble aims."

In a return message the crew said: "All members of the crew are feeling well. All on board systems are operating normally." The crew also promised "to use all their energy and knowledge for the successful fulfilment of the planned flight programme."

Gorbatko and Tuan are expected to stay aboard Salyut 6 for a week.

Western press by a hullabaloo over alleged "unprecedented measures" aimed at reducing contacts with foreign guests, the Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* declared Wednesday.

Soviet officials were also angered by coverage of a Red Square homosexual rights demonstration on Monday, staged by an Italian activist. Several newsmen were seized by Soviet police as they tried to photograph it.

"This was a disgusting case, a frame-up which has offended the dignity and feelings of our people," Mr. Vladimir Popov, the Moscow Olympic committee spokesman, told a news conference. "It had nothing to do with the Olympic games."

A Soviet reporter at the news conference raised the possibility of deporting "offensive" journalists, but Mr. Popov played down the suggestion.

Initial stories by western journalists about stringent airport customs checks and the heavy police presence on Moscow streets were expected by Soviet authorities — and, according to Soviet sources, were no "worse" than had been anticipated.

Authorities now hope for kind stories about Soviet farms, factories and cultural events that reporters are being encouraged to visit.

Even if coverage of the games falls short of Soviet hopes in the long run, officials say, the Soviet image could yet be bailed out in coming months.

Some Soviets believe that limited television coverage of the games, in western countries will create a demand for more information, which could be provided later this year by special television programmes on the subject.

The Soviet Union is expected to make such programmes available, possibly at bargain-basement prices to encourage their use. These special shows would put a positive light on the games — and could well last longer in viewers' minds than limited western coverage being transmitted now, officials here privately say.

Moscow doesn't like western coverage of the Olympic games

MOSCOW, July 25 (AP) — Soviet authorities are expressing growing irritation with western news coverage of the Moscow Olympics, which officials here had hoped would serve as a major propaganda boost for the east-ern bloc.

Western reporters have been publicly accused of trying to wrap "a dense cloud of misinformation" around the games, and of playing up the games' every failing. Some Soviet commentators have implied that criticism of the games is tantamount to attacking detente itself.

Other Soviet officials, however, say privately that coverage of the games is somewhat more positive than they had originally feared. They hope that as sports competition grows sharper, reporters will concentrate more on sports and less on Olympic criticism.

The Soviet Union took a calculated risk in bringing the Olympics to Moscow, realising that the move was a massive gamble with the nation's world image. Confident, however, that a generally good impression could be created, authorities opened Russia's doors to some 6,000 foreign journalists and hoped for the best.

"One big blow for us from the start was reduction in U.S. television coverage," one Soviet official said. "That kept people from seeing the Olympic spectacle directly, so now it's largely filtered through newspaper correspondents."

Soviet officials have been angered over newspaper and television reports that some Afghan team members in Moscow want to defect to the West — a story branded by Soviet journalists as "cheap sensation" — and by Western accounts of the massive Soviet security operation for the games.

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Carter promises full cooperation on 'Billy-gate'

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter is promising full White House cooperation, including his own testimony if necessary, in the special Senate investigation of his brother Billy's Libyan connections, already labelled by the press as the "Billy-gate" affair.

Presidential press secretary Jody Powell said Thursday that Mr. Carter did not expect to invoke executive privilege for either himself or his aides to keep them from testifying or providing information.

The U.S. Senate judiciary committee was meeting Friday to discuss details of the probe by a nine-member panel — five Democrats and four Republicans — into the Billy Carter-Libyan ties and whether the White House influenced the U.S. justice department investigation of the president's younger brother.

Hearings are expected to start next week, and the committee is under orders to produce a report a month before the Nov. 4 election. Senator Birch Bayh, chairman of the special panel, vowed to "pursue the truth wherever it may lead and let the chips fall where they may."

Violent protest in U.S. as Klansmen acquitted

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee, July 25 (AP) — Tactical police teams shot out street lights and cordoned off a predominantly black housing project after eight officers received minor gunshot wounds in the worst of three nights of violence in the racially tense city.

The shooting occurred about two hours after a dusk-to-dawn curfew took effect Thursday, closing all retail businesses in this southeast Tennessee city of 170,000. The curfew was imposed after two nights of firebombings, looting and rock-throwing that followed a jury's acquittal of two Ku Klux Klan members in the shooting of four black women.

Early today, at least 19 people had been arrested for curfew violations and jailed, police said. Four of the arrests were made in the area of the shooting.

Massive bloodshed warned against N.E. India 'aliens'

NEW DELHI, July 25 (AP) — A tribal leader in Meghalaya, a tiny hill state, to deport alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal. He added that "immediate deportation would also avoid future bloodshed in other states of the northeastern region."

The neighbouring states of Assam and Manipur have also been rocked by student-led agitations against alleged aliens. More than 200 people have died in sectarian clashes in the three states since the movements began last year.

Meghalaya, Assam and Tripura border on Bangladesh. The tribals and the Assamese fear that they will be swamped by the influx of immigrants, mostly Muslims. The immigrants are mainly small traders, shepherds and farmers.



President Carter

"We plan to investigate... anything that (Billy) Carter may have done while representing a foreign nation that may have had impact on the policies of this country," Mr. Bayh said.

Senator Bayh said it "would not be necessary" to call the president as a witness.

Former president Gerald Ford who appeared before a House judiciary subcommittee in 1974 to discuss his pardon of former president Richard Nixon, is the only president to testify publicly before a Congressional committee.

All eight police officers were hit in one burst as police attempted to get people off the streets.

There were reports of scattered sniper fire and reports of at least two firebombings.

It was the latest eruption of violence that began in Chattanooga's streets on Tuesday night. Trouble began a few hours after an all-white jury acquitted two Klansmen and convicted a third on reduced charges in the April 19 shotgun wounding of four black women.

The city's black leaders, among them Mr. Harry Hill, a spokesman for the Youth Coalition, said the Klan verdict was just one element in the explosive mix including poor housing and unemployment that sparked the violence in a city with an estimated black population of 35 per cent.

Soviet troops try to keep the peace

Kabul government feud spreads to Afghan army

NEW DELHI, July 25 (AP) — Bloody feuding between the Khalq and Parchamite factions of the Afghanistan government has spread to the Afghan army, claiming 23 lives in two battles, a report from Kabul today. A top education minister was reported killed.

Meanwhile, Muslim rebels battling the Soviet-installed regime of Afghan President Babrak Karmal have called for a strike by storekeepers in the capital Saturday and Sunday, an air traveller reported.

The Kabul source, who has proved accurate in the past, said 13 soldiers who were members of Karmal's Parcham Party were killed and more than 25 others injured in a battle July 16 with soldiers belonging to the rival Khalq faction. The fighting took place at the Qargha military base in Kabul, he said.

Russian troops quelled the fighting, but not before two Soviet soldiers were killed, the source said. Soviet tanks and armoured vehicles also moved into key positions around the capital to prevent further violence, the report added.

On July 22, similar fighting broke out at the Pol-i-Charkhi military centre outside Kabul, and eight Parchamite soldiers were killed and others wounded, the source said. Soviet troops also intervened to halt that clash.

President Karmal's purge of Khalqi officials from his government has continued, the source said, confirming reports here that Deputy Minister of Education Mohammed Wali Youssef was killed July 21 in his office by unidentified assailants. Mr. Youssef was buried in the official government cemetery in Kabul.

Mr. Youssef's reported death followed government shakeup initiated last weekend by President Karmal, apparently in an effort to consolidate power for his minority faction.

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In another phase of the Kabul source recently tried to Khalqi chief of the army in Ghazni province, a Parchamite leader, the source said. The source said, an 80,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan, since December.

In a related development government extended school recess for 20 days, the scheduled resumption classes last Wednesday to ward off demands for the arrest of at least school girls.

LONDON, July 25 (AP) — British comedian Peter Sellers will be cremated Saturday following a private family funeral at the Golders green crematorium in North London.

Mr. Sellers, whose 51 movies over a span of 29 years made him one of the world's most popular comedians, died in Middlesex Hospital early Thursday, hours after suffering a heart attack in his hotel suite. He was 54.

Friends said it was his ninth heart attack.



Peter Sellers

As Rotterdam oil tanker captain detained

Gulf Oil and Total blamed for Irish tanker disaster

DUBLIN, July 25 (R) — Two multi-national oil companies, Gulf Oil and Total of the United States, must share much of the blame for a tanker disaster which killed 50 people at Ireland's Bantry Bay terminal last year, an Irish government report said today.

The report of a 72-day official inquiry found that the fire and explosion were caused when the hull of the 61,000-tonne French tanker *Beigeuse* buckled while taking on ballast.

Two factors caused the tanker, owned by Total, to break its back, said the report by High Court judge Declan Costello. Inadequate maintenance had weakened the hull and incorrect ballasting had put excessive stress on it, it stated.

"The major share of the responsibility for the loss of the ship must lie on the management of Total," the report stated.

It also criticised Gulf Oil over what it said was a lack of safety precautions at the terminal. Inadequate consideration had been given to evacuation procedures at the offshore jetty, it alleged.

Forty-two crewmen, seven Irish jetty workers and one English assessor died in the disaster in

January 8, 1979 — one of the worst in maritime history.

"On the night of the disaster the structure of the vessel was abnormally, seriously and significantly wasted due to corrosion," the report said.

The failure of the *Beigeuse's* structure was the first in a series of events which developed into disaster, the report said.

It found that the casualties would probably have survived if Gulf had provided suitable escape craft on the jetty and if the jetty crew had been properly trained in emergency procedures.

Major blame was placed on Gulf employee Mr. John Connolly who was terminal control duty despatcher when the disaster occurred. The report said he was absent from his post — and had given false evidence to the contrary to the inquiry.

It accused Gulf personnel at the terminal of a cover-up in trying to hide Mr. Connolly's absence. False entries were made in logs and false accounts given to investigators, it charged.

Ireland's director of public prosecutions is studying the report to decide whether criminal charges should be brought against anyone. Civil claims for damages, amounting to millions of dollars are await-

ing decisions by courts in the United States.

In Rotterdam the captain of the tanker was charged with negligence that broke its back while ing here on Tuesday is detained for questioning accident, police said today.

Police identified them by their initials, Captain S Hong Kong, aged 37, a Officer F.F.W., 51, from They were detained last questioning over the involving the 98,000 Liberian-registered *Ena* container.

The 43-man crew, most Kong Chinese, were with out injuries.

Harbour officials said that the tanker's crew had mistake in unloading its emptying the central tank leaving the fore and aft tanks full. The vessel buckled down with its remaining 111,000 tonnes of crude oil.

A police spokesman said the two men were found responsible for the accident case would be sent to the prosecutor. Under Dutch law, they could face fines of 600 (about \$300) if found guilty.

China takes on capitalist-style sales techniques

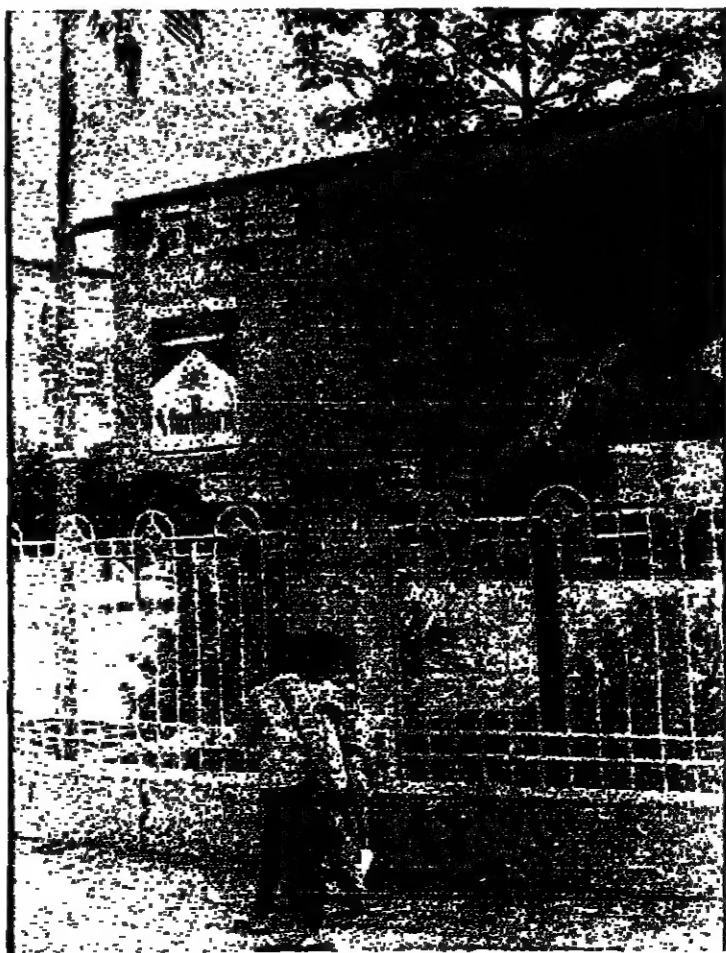
LANZHOU, Northwest China — Salesmen are taking to the road in China as factories and plants in the Communist state turn to capitalist-style management and incentives to boost production and profits.

By Ian Mackenzie

Government experiments to allow greater economic and managerial autonomy at factory level are spreading through the country, and the results in some areas indicate the experiments are paying off.

In Gansu province, the main heavy industry centre of north-west China, officials said 35 enterprises in the area — ranging from a huge chemical plant to small local factories — had been selected during the past year to try out the new economic policies.

The aim is to discover whether more flexible managerial and production methods can improve on two decades of rigid state controls and poor economic performance. Officials in the Gansu capital of Lanzhou said the selected enterprises had shown a marked



There are more and more western influences in China. Lately posters and advertising can be seen there. (Gamma photo)

increase in production. The total value of their output last year was 2.49 billion yuan (\$1.66 billion), 5.4 per cent over state quota and 11.29 per cent higher than the provincial average increase for 1979.

For the average worker, this meant an extra 136 yuan (\$90) a year — the equivalent of two months' salary.

Officials in the far west Xinjiang Autonomous Region and in Inner Mongolia in north China said similar trials were being carried out in their areas, and the results were encouraging.

"So far the experiment has been successful. The state, the enterprises and the workers are all satisfied because all their incomes have increased," said an official in the Inner Mongolian capital of Hohhot.

The experiments appear likely to spread. They were started about 18 months ago in Sichuan province under the direction of Mr. Zhao Ziyang, who now is executive vice-premier in Peking and the man tipped to succeed Mr. Hua Guofeng as next premier.

It remains to be seen, however, if the system will work when tried on a broader basis. The suspicion is, for example, that only the best plants and factories were selected for initial experiments.

Asked whether loss-making enterprises could go out of bus-

iness, an official in the Xinjiang capital of Urumqi said only that they would face readjustment.

What about the apparent contradictions between free market forces, regional autonomy and central state planning?

The Urumqi official denied contradictions existed.

He explained the system this way. The state sets priorities and quotas for a wide variety of essential items ranging from steel to light bulbs and matches in consultation with the provincial or regional authorities.

"After an enterprise has fulfilled its state quota, it can turn out products according to market demands and thus raise its profits," the official said.

Products sold outside the state purchasing system were subject to a price ceiling but no price floor.

A similar system has grown up for agricultural products with the re-introduction of so-called free markets in cities and towns where communes can sell produce after the state quota has been met, or peasants can sell what they have raised on their private plots.

The Xinjiang official said the aim of the industrial policy was to produce good quality, low-priced goods in large quantities to meet consumer demand.

There is also an incentive to export goods because enterprises can now keep some of the foreign

exchange they earn to improve supplies, equipment technology.

It is the free market place has brought salesmen to China.

The big Lanzhou industrial company, for example, is building more apartment workers and needs large of iron window frames.

The result is that salesmen several companies produce window frames are competing order, a company official is considerable satisfaction.

The official said the company itself started selling its products in the second last year and the supply of the department now has staff of about 10.

He said the salesmen to major centres around the trying seeking buyers for the many products — in great for example, are artificial rugs which are also attracting attention.

Because this particular company's products were well the official said, advertisements had been confined to book-tributed direct to potential rather than advertisement newspapers or magazines radio and television.